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## GM's Message 10.07.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well. Hello from Sacramento! I'm sharing about our awesome Neighborhood Council system today at Sacramento State's Center for California Studies' Our Voices: Advancing Civic Engagement in California, 27th Annual [Envisioning California Conference](#). I'm also looking forward to hearing about other civic engagement best practices and bringing those ideas back to Los Angeles. Speaking of sharing, we also presented the Neighborhood Council system to an international delegation of Saudi Arabia women leaders from the State Department this week who later went to [LA32 Neighborhood Council's](#) monthly meeting to see a Neighborhood Council in action.



Many thanks to staffers Betty Wong Oyama, Kathleen Quinn, Jasmine Duckworth and Tom Soong for hosting our very impressed guests! We'll be hosting another international delegation from Central and South America next week and spreading the Neighborhood Council love.

Congratulations to several more of our staffers who completed the grueling 4 month Los Angeles Fire Department Leadership Academy yesterday! Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Barry Stone, and Senior Accountant, Man-Qin He, stepped up to take the LAFD intensive course on collaborative leadership straight from the West Point curriculum. HUGE thanks to Man-Qin and Barry for taking on the task of becoming better leaders!



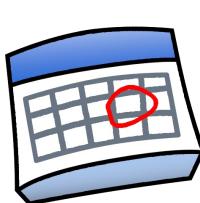
I also have to appreciate the LAFD for opening this wonderful free training to City departments. Having gone through it myself 4 years ago, I really think it should be for all City staff and have been diligent in sending as many EmpowerLA staff as possible. The LAFD provided an extra treat at this graduation by having Chris Martin from Coldplay as the keynote speaker on leadership. It was his first keynote, and he knocked it out of the park. Afterwards, the LAFD presented him with a thank you plaque for taking the time to speak with the graduates.



Some more examples of great work from Neighborhood Councils will happen this weekend. Tomorrow, [PlanCheckNC](#) will partner with [Glassell Park Neighborhood Council](#) to host a Planning 101 workshop for their monthly meeting tomorrow. Check out the flyer below. On Sunday, the awesome Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee will be doing a debrief to improve the Congress next year. For more information, check out our [EmpowerLA Calendar](#).

Don't forget that our office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday. As always, thanks for all that you do to EmpowerLA! Have a super weekend!

Best,  
Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA  
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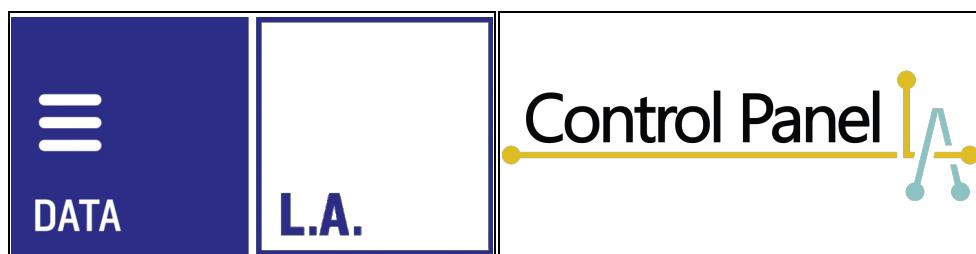
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## Mayor's Message

MAYOR GARCETTI LAUNCHES 'COLLEGE CORNERS' TO HELP EASE L.A. STUDENTS' PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION Housed within each of the City's 16 FamilySource Centers, "College Corners" will provide much-needed access to admissions and financial aid information for students and families across Los Angeles...

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### Beyond Neighborhood Councils

You are cordially invited to "Beyond Neighborhood Councils - How to Run for Higher Office, Get Appointed to a City Commission, or Find a Job with the City". Featured speakers include Board of Public Works Commissioner Kevin James, Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Len Shaffer, Department of Water & Power Commissioner Jill Banks Barad, and representatives from...

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### Planning & Land Use 101 (this Saturday!)

The Planning & Land Use 101 seminar is this weekend, Saturday October 8th. Land Use 101 Saturday October 8th, 2016 10am - 1pm Held at the: Glassell Park Community Center 3750 Verdugo Road Los Angeles, CA 90065 This is an opportunity to receive a free land use crash course. Light refreshments will be provided. Please...

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### LADWP Customer Service Saturday

LOS ANGELES- The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will hold Customer Service Saturday at four of its Customer Service Centers on October 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customers who attend Customer Service Saturday at any of the four locations can expect assistance from staff members who are able to take...

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### 43rd Public Hearing Schedule Update

Due to a conflict with a Town Hall Meeting that the City Attorney and LAPD will be having in the Harbor area on October 13, the meeting will be postponed till further notice. You are still able to attend the other public hearings. For additional information, please contact: David Elce 213-922-9621 or TTY: 213-473-3231...

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## Animal Cruelty Crimes

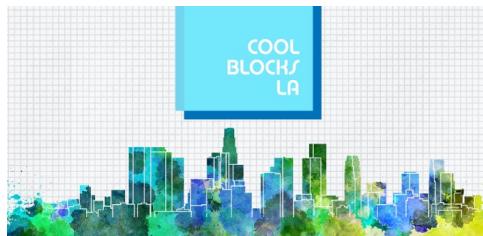
Los Angeles, October 5, 2016 - Los Angeles Animal Services is dedicated to the humane treatment and care of all animals within the City of Los Angeles. Each day, Animal Control Officers respond to alleged humane complaints of animal cruelty and abuse. Humane cases can range from leaving any animal (including, but not limited to...

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## Marijuana (Cannabis) Regulatory Framework - Council File No. 14-0366-SS

Dear City Residents: The City Council is in the beginning stages of an open and public conversation about how best to regulate all aspects of the marijuana, or cannabis, industry within the City of Los Angeles. It also marks another important opportunity for the Neighborhood Councils to be fully engaged in the City's legislative process...

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## Call for Cool Blocks LA Leaders

The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, seeks volunteers in each Council District who wish to help their neighborhoods become greener, safer, and resilient to disasters. Join the NCSA on either Sat., Oct 15 in Playa del Rey, or Sun., Oct 23 in Hollywood, to learn all about...

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